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In Re U.S. PCAT Patent Application )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Office Action of September 10, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following is in response thereto.

REMARKS

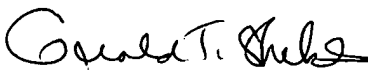
In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between the Claims of Group I, Claims 1-18 and 48-50 and Group II Claims 19-47 and 51.

Applicant(s) hereby elects for prosecution, Group II, Claims 19-47 and 51.

Applicant(s) believes the Restriction Requirement to be improper insofar as the Claims of the device and the claims of the method are so interlinked as to require that searching be conducted in identical classes and accordingly, Applicant believes that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Therefore, pursuant to MPEP Section 803, the Examiner should examine the entire application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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